

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Committee on Acupuncture
Policy Statement 2012-01

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**Policy on Receipt of Continuing Acupuncture Education Credit
for Publication of Peer-Reviewed Research Articles**

The Committee on Acupuncture has adopted the following policy concerning the receipt of Continuing Acupuncture Education Credit for Publication of Peer-Reviewed Research Articles, effective immediately:

Licensees involved with research projects on the topics of Acupuncture and/or Chinese Herbal Therapy may receive up to five (5) continuing acupuncture education credits for their work in connection with peer-reviewed research publications, under the following conditions:

The Licensee must provide proof that he or she is:

- (a) the first author of an article published in a recognized peer-reviewed journal;
- (b) the first reviewer of an article published in a recognized peer-reviewed journal; or
- (c) an editorial author of an article published in a recognized peer-reviewed journal.

For acupuncturists licensed to practice acupuncture only (i.e., without authorization to employ Chinese Herbal Therapy), the continuing acupuncture education credits awarded must represent research concerning topics that are directly related to acupuncture. See 243 CMR 5.10 (1).

For acupuncturists licensed to practice acupuncture and authorized by the Committee on Acupuncture to employ Chinese Herbal Therapy in their practices, the continuing acupuncture education credits awarded must represent research concerning topics that are directly related to acupuncture or directly related to herbology. See 243 CMR 5.03(2)(i) and 243 CMR 5.10 (1)(a).

The awarding of continuing acupuncture education credits for peer-reviewed publications is at the discretion of the Committee on Acupuncture and will be granted on a case-by-case basis.